WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

a movable image bearing member;

image forming means for forming a developer

image on said image bearing member;

an intermediate transfer member on which the

developer image on said image bearing member is

transferred while said intermediate transfer member

is moving at a predetermined surficial moving speed

different from a surficial moving speed of said image

bearing member; and

control means for controlling said image forming

means to form a predetermined image prior to

formation of a normal image.

2. An image forming apparatus according to

claim 1, wherein said control means controls said

image forming means to form said predetermined image

in such a way that the predetermined image is

adjacent to said normal image.

3. An image forming apparatus according to

claim 2, wherein said control means controls said

image forming means to form said predetermined image

in an area, which is outside a normal image formation

area, and which is other than an area downstream of

the normal image formation area with respect to an

image moving direction.

4. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein in a case that said predetermined
image is formed within a normal image formation area,
said control means controls said image forming means
to form a composite image of said normal image and
said predetermined image.

5. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, further comprising transferring means for
transferring the developer image on said intermediate
transfer member onto a transferring material, wherein
said control means controls said image forming means
to form said predetermined image in an area on said
intermediate transfer member to which the
transferring material is to be opposed at the time of
transferring by said transferring means.

6. An image forming apparatus according to
claim 1, wherein said control means controls said
image forming means to form said predetermined image
as an image in which dot developer images each having
a unit area formed by one dot or a plurality of dots
are uniformly dispersed.

7. An image forming apparatus according to

claim 6, wherein said control means controls said image forming means to form said dot developer images at predetermined positions within respective dot areas each dimensioned to extend by m dots in a

5 direction perpendicular to an image moving direction and n dots in the image moving direction, wherein said dot developer images in dot areas, arranged in the direction perpendicular to the image moving direction, out of said dot areas are in the same

10 positions in respective dot areas, while said dot developer images in dot areas, arranged in the image moving direction, out of said dot areas are in positions sequentially shifted by k dots in the direction perpendicular to the image moving direction,

15 where m, n and k are integers.

8. An image forming apparatus according to claim 7, wherein a greatest common divisor of said m and said k is 1.

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9. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a plurality of image forming means, wherein developer images formed by said plurality of image forming means are sequentially

25 transferred onto said intermediate transfer member, wherein said control means controls only one image forming means out of said plurality of image forming

means, to form said predetermined image, said one image forming means forming a developer image to be transferred first onto said intermediate transfer member.

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10. An image forming apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said one image forming means that forms said predetermined image forms yellow developer image.

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11. An image forming apparatus according to claim 1, comprising a plurality of image forming means, wherein developer images formed by said plurality of image forming means are sequentially

15 transferred onto said intermediate transfer member, wherein in a case that image formation is performed by only one image forming means out of said plurality of image forming means, said control means controls only said one image forming means to form said

20 predetermined image.